

PENDING CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An improved hydraulic fitting having a stem including a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion, having a mating connection portion, and a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an inner periphery having a non-threaded knurling mating surface extending through said ferrule support portion and said torque communication portion, the improvement comprising:
said collar support portion of said stem including knurling and an axial stop ring,
said torque communication portion of said collar staked in such a manner that said inner periphery non-threaded knurling mating surface extending through said torque communication portion communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-rotational manner, and
said ferrule support portion of said collar staked in such a manner that said inner periphery extending through said ferrule support portion engages said axial stop ring in an axial movement limiting manner.

2. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic fitting comprising:

a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,
a mating connection portion,
said collar support portion of said stem including knurling and an axial stop ring,
a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an
inner periphery having a non-threaded knurling mating surface extending
through said ferrule support portion and said torque communication portion,
said torque communication portion of said collar staked such that said inner
periphery non-threaded knurling mating surface extending through said torque
communication portion communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-
rotational manner, and
said ferrule support portion of said collar staked such that said inner periphery
extending through said ferrule support portion engages said axial stop ring in an
axial movement limiting manner.

3. (Original) The hydraulic fitting of claim 2 further comprising a ferrule affixed upon said
ferrule support portion.

4. (Currently Amended). A hydraulic coupling and hose comprising:

a hose end fitting including:

a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,

said collar support portion of said stem including knurling and an axial stop ring,

a collar having, a torque communication portion, a ferrule support portion, and an

inner periphery having a non-threaded knurling mating surface extending

through said ferrule support portion and said torque communication portion,

said torque communication portion of said collar staked such that said inner

periphery non-threaded knurling mating surface extending through said torque

communication portion communicates with said knurling in a relatively non-

rotational manner,

said ferrule support portion of said collar staked such that said inner periphery

extending through said ferrule support portion engages said axial stop ring in an

axial movement limiting manner,

a mating connection portion,

said hose fitted upon said hose end fitting,

an apparatus fitting, and

said apparatus fitting sealingly mated to said mating connection portion of said hose

end fitting.

5. (Original) The hydraulic coupling and hose of claim 4 further comprising a ferrule staked upon said ferrule support portion and said hose crimped under said ferrule.

6. (Withdrawn and Previously Presented) A method for producing a hydraulic fitting comprising the steps of:

- providing a stem having a hose insert portion, and a collar support portion,
- knurling a portion of said collar support portion,
- forming an annular depression proximate the common boundaries of said collar support portion and said hose insert portion,
- providing a collar with a torque communication portion,
- placing said collar about said collar support portion, and
- staking said collar at said torque communication portion to affix said collar upon said stem in a relatively non-rotational manner.